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1. Zingst Peninsula: There were rumors current during February 1948 of large-scale building activity by the Russians on the Zingst Peninsula, west of Prerow (P-16). Many carloads of prefabricated barracks were brought to Prerow, reloaded into Red Army trucks, and taken westward into the blockaded forest area. Large quantities of cement were also shipped into the same area. Young Germans, sixteen to twenty years of age, were being enlisted to assist in the construction work.
2. Rügen Island: Early in February 1948, sixteen motor assault boats were unloaded at Lauterbach from a freight barge which had arrived from Leningrad. They were used in day and night landing operations in Tromper Wiek, Prorer Wiek, Greifswalderboddén, and Rügenboddén, all on the eastern shore of Rügen Island. The assault boats were approximately five meters long and two-and-one-half meters wide. They ran on land on light caterpillar tracks. Each boat carried approximately fifteen soldiers and was furnished with several machine guns and a light automatic cannon. The boats were difficult to maneuver on a stony beach because the stones wedged themselves into the treads. They could be used only in calm weather. Two of the boats were sunk in the surf at a wind force of three to four--one off the spit of land northeast of Freesendorf and one at Peenemündingen.
3. Between 27 and 30 January 1948, nine ships entered between Rügen and Hiddensee (P-47) and unloaded troops and material opposite Schaprode (P-57). The material consisted of a large number of light anti-aircraft guns and ammunition boxes. The soldiers, approximately 2,000 men, nineteen to twenty years of age, came from Kolberg (M-14), where they had been stationed at an anti-aircraft practice field (probably Bodenhagen).
4. There are rumors current among the civilian population of Rügen that a launching site for V-weapons is to be established at the above-mentioned landing place. Underground construction work has been in progress there for some time, and the rumors were strengthened by the landing of the AA guns mentioned in paragraph 3. There is heavy motorboat traffic from Saralsund (P-14) to the landing place.

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5. Damm (P-50): There are some new barracks at Damm which have been occupied since 21 January 1948 by 800 infantrymen who arrived by train from Gross Born, where they had been stationed for two months.
6. Wolde Först: In mid-January approximately sixty large tanks were shipped to the Wolde Först and were stored in four large sheds behind the Oberförster's (Chief Forester's) house. The 450 soldiers belonging to this tank unit were quartered in the two barracks behind the sheds. They had come from Gross Born.
7. Approximately 200 other Russian soldiers were quartered during February in the Wolde Först as guards and laborers at the materiel warehouse there. A great deal of equipment was being shipped to this camp by rail from Stralsund.
8. Tutow (P-60): The sixty planes based on Tutow Airfield during February 1948 were all small types. [REDACTED] some Bats and ME-109's in use there. Thirty-five of the field's planes arrived around the first of February, probably from Stolp (M-08). Approximately 350 fliers were stationed at Tutow Airfield; some of them were Poles who had been in the Russian Army some eighteen months. Fuel is carried from Pölitz to the Tutow field and to the Wolde Först in 150 trucks from the Damm motor pool. A sketch of the Tutow field is attached.

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